## **USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator**

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

## The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -5.20, up 1.5 points from last week.

### This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs posted a small improvement in light of increased retail promotional activity at attractive ad prices in the last ad cycle. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are weak but have stabilized for now with moderate offerings and moderate to heavy supplies. Interest is light to moderate and movement is slow to moderate. Prices on the loose egg market remain weak to lower with adequate to heavy supplies and moderate to ample offerings. Movement has slowed and interest is improving in some areas. Wholesale breaking stock prices are unchanged on moderate supplies and adequate offerings. Interest is average, schedules full-time, and trading is slow to moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp decline in activity for conventional caged shell eggs with a sharp increase in the average ad price on the limited test.

#### Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

U.S. table egg layer flock

Percentage flock in molt

323,251,803 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

1.8% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Productive table egg layer flock 317,465,155 (total flock - (total flock \* molt))

### **Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -**

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate 83.3% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Total egg production 264,522,648 (total productive flock \* lay rate)

Total eggs into breaking stock 83,733,274 (31.65% of daily shell egg production to breakers)

Table eggs for in-shell use 180,789,373 (egg production \* (100% - % to breaking stock))

Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 502,193 (eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

# Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

USDA shell egg inventory

Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock

Shell egg cases produced each day

26-week rolling average of days on hand

Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing

1,716,700 30-dozen cases (from USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory report)

63.0% (shell egg inventory cooperators control 63% of productive flock)

316,381 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production \* 63%))

(790,954 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)

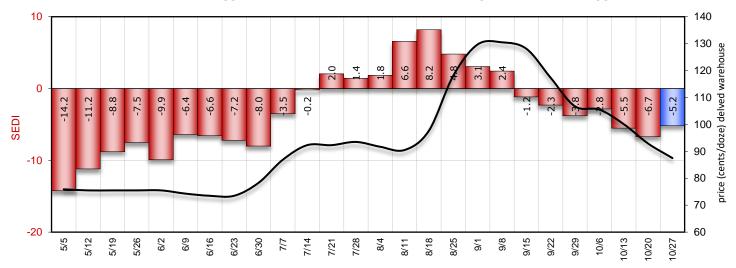
5.15 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)

**5.43** (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

#### **Shell Egg Demand Indicator**

-5.20 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) \* 100

#### Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Cartoned Shell Egg



Sources: <u>USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs (pec-bb); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type</u>
<u>USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory (Mon)</u>

USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection (Wed)

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News 515-284-4460